

Priorities of Government- Tollgate II

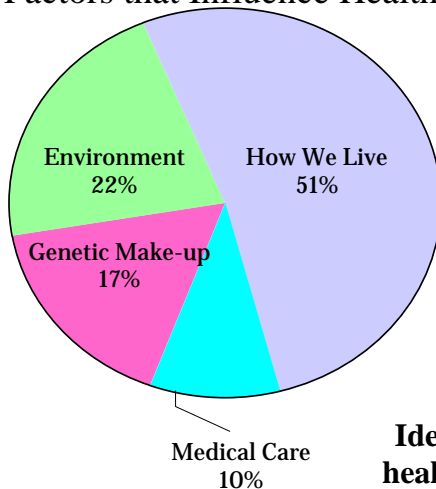
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PURCHASE PLAN METHODOLOGY

In tollgate I the team established the following criteria for use when prioritizing the tollgate II purchase plan:

- *Does the activity or proposal improve the public's health?*
- *Does the activity or proposal minimize future health care costs through prevention or treatment?*
- *Does the activity or proposal improve the quality of the health care system?*
- *Does the activity or proposal improve or maintain access to health care?*

Factors that Influence Health



While 93% of the result area budget today focus on investments in access to medical care, the team remained aware of efficacy of different kinds investments and their ability to improve health. As shown in the chart to the left, investments in medical care have the least impact on health outcomes overall. The team also recognized the state's role in operating the health care safety net for many of the state's most vulnerable populations.

The team's final purchase plan emphasizes the need to maintain the state's efforts in the most effective strategies

Identifying and mitigating health risk factors, Increasing healthy behaviors, Mitigating Environmental Hazards, and Providing drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment

services by purchasing approximately 98% of the costs proposed for providing these services. Further, the plan increases investments within these strategies by an average of 9% over 2005-07 levels. The plan also continues the state's role in providing minimum safety net health care services for impoverished families, the aged, blind and disabled, by purchasing the Medicaid categorically needy program and the Basic Health Program. Two percent of the high priority purchase plan is dedicated to new purchases. This list includes:

- Expansion of the State's Universal Childhood vaccination program - Include human papillomavirus and rotavirus as approved by the CDC.
- Improved Monitoring of Health Care expenditures in state insurance plans - Investments in the state's ability to view activity within managed care and self-insured plans.
- Increased focus on health of the Puget Sound – Investments in the implementation of local wastewater/septic monitoring plans.
- Innovations to service delivery – Investments to train providers in care deliver methods based on the Advance Medical Home (AMH) model and implementing a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of the AMH as a delivery method.

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- Improving the outcomes of patients with occupational injuries – Investments allow the workers' compensation program to continue to evaluate its Centers of Occupational Health and Education and improve its use of evidence based medicine to improve quality and control costs.

The final purchase plan designates \$881 million in eight current activities and \$48.7 million in new ideas as “Buy Next” on the purchase plan. All but 0.01% of the “Buy Next” list are activities that support the strategy **Provide access to appropriate health care**. The team struggled with these choices. The final plan places the health care for 18,000 unemployable (GAU/ADATSA) clients in the “Buy Next” category. In addition, optional services provided within the Medicaid plan (i.e., dental, vision, hearing) and Medicaid health coverage for some 800 working disabled persons are not purchased. The impact of these choices on other activities has not been included in the purchase plan. Most of the activities placed on the “Buy Next” list if not purchased within the budget, would likely have untoward health care consequences including increased expenditures in other more costly settings.